

In the Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A container closure cap system comprising:

a container having a bottom surface, sidewalls extending upwardly therefrom, and a top surface opposite the bottom surface, the top surface having an opening formed therein; and

a container closure cap matingly connected to said container and comprising

a lower retaining member,

an upper cover member detachably connected to said lower retaining member, and

a clip member connected to said lower retaining member, said clip member having a top member extending outwardly from an outer periphery of said lower retaining member, and a side member connected to and extending downwardly from the top member so that the side member is positioned to extend below the top member adjacent the sidewalls of said container and below the top surface of said container.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said lower retaining member and ~~said~~ clip member are integrally formed as a monolithic unit.

3. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein said upper cover member is detachably connected to said lower retaining member using a perforated connection.

4. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein said upper cover member is detachably connected to said lower retaining member using a breakaway connection.

5. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein portions of the sidewalls of said container

adjacent the top surface thereof are threaded; and wherein said upper cover member threadably engages the sidewalls adjacent the top surface of said container.

6. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein said container closure cap further comprises a support rib extending between an inner surface of the top member and an inner surface of the side member.

7. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein an end of the side member is angled outwardly to thereby define a flared end.

8. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein the side member extends downwardly from the top member to be substantially parallel to the sidewalls of said container.

9. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein the top member and the side member have a thickness substantially similar to the thickness of said lower retaining member.

10. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein said container closure cap is made of polypropylene material.

11. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap system according to Claim 1 wherein the side member has indicia thereon.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A container closure cap comprising:

a lower retaining member;
an upper cover member detachably connected to said lower retaining member; and

a clip member connected to said lower retaining member, and comprising

a top member extending outwardly from an outer periphery of said lower retaining member, and

a side member connected to and extending downwardly from the top member so that the side member is positioned to extend below the top member and to be positioned adjacent sidewalls of a container when the container closure cap is positioned thereon.

13. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap according to Claim 12 wherein said lower retaining member and said clip member are integrally formed as a monolithic unit.

14. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap according to Claim 12 wherein said upper cover member is detachably connected to said lower retaining member using a perforated connection.

15. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap according to Claim 12 wherein said upper cover member is detachably connected to said lower retaining member using a breakaway connection.

16. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap according to Claim 12 wherein inner surface portions of said upper cover member are threaded.

17. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap according to Claim 12 further comprising a support rib extending between an inner surface of the top member and an inner surface of the side member.

18. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap according to Claim 12 wherein an end of the side member is angled outwardly to thereby define a flared end.

19. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap according to Claim 12 wherein the top member and the side member have a thickness substantially similar to the thickness of said lower retaining member.

20. (ORIGINAL) A container closure cap according to
Claim 12 wherein the side member has indicia thereon.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of using a container closure cap, the method comprising:

matingly connecting the container closure cap to a top surface of a container to thereby cover an opening in the top surface of the container, the container closure cap comprising a lower retaining member, an upper cover member detachably connected to the lower retaining member, and a clip member connected to the lower retaining member, the clip member comprising a top member extending outwardly from the lower retaining member, and a side member connected to and extending downwardly from the top member to be positioned adjacent sidewalls of the container and below a top surface of the container; and

detaching the upper cover member from the lower retaining member so that the opening in the top surface of the container is exposed and the lower retaining member having the clip member connected thereto remains engaged with portions of the container when the opening in the top surface of the container is exposed.

22. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 21 wherein the lower retaining member and the clip member are integrally formed as a monolithic unit.

23. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 21 wherein the upper cover member is detachably connected to the lower retaining member using a perforated connection.

24. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 21 wherein the upper cover member is detachably connected to the lower retaining member using a breakaway connection.

25. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 21 wherein matingly connecting the container closure cap to the container comprises threadably engaging the container closure cap to portions of the container adjacent the top surface thereof.

26. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 21 wherein the container closure cap comprises a support rib extending between an inner surface of the top member and an inner surface of the side member.

27. (ORIGINAL) A method according to Claim 21 wherein an end of the side member is angled outwardly to thereby define a flared end.

28. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method according to Claim 21 wherein the side member ~~had~~has indicia thereon.